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THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM AMCONSUL CAN THO DATED 21
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1. THE PRESENT HIGHPOINT IN THE DELTA ENTERED ITS THIRD DAY AS
MR 4 REPORTED A TOTAL OF 103 VC/NVA INITIATED INCIDENTS FOR THE
DECEMBER 20-21 REPORTING PERIOD. ALTHOUGH INCIDENTS WERE DOWN
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SOMEWHAT FROM THE PREVIOUS DAY'S 123 GVN CASUALTIES FELL ONLY

SLIGHTLY. THE INCIDENT PATTERN REMAINED CONSTANT: CHUONG THIEN SUFFERED THE MOST INCIDENTS (31), FOLLOWED BY DINH TUONG (23), AND BA XUYEN (15). AS BEFORE MOST INCIDENTS WERE ATTACKS BY FIRE.

2. COMPARATIVE STATISTICS FOR THE THREE DAYS SHOW THAT VC/NVA ATTACKS AND GVN PERSONNEL LOSSES WERE MOST SEVERE THE SECOND DAY OF THE HIGHPOINT AND ALLEVIATED SLIGHTLY ON THE THIRD. GVN KILLED WERE 47 DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS PERIOD, 51 THE PRECEDING DAY 38 THE DAY BEFORE. GVN GOUNDED WERE 193,200,AND 92. OTHER STATISTICS INDICATE THAT ALTHOUGH THE GVN FARED SOMEWHAT BETTER ON THE THIRD DAY THAN ON THE SECOND, THE OVERALL INTENSITY OF THE FIGHTING HAS NOT DROPPED. GVN INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS LOST FOR EXAMPLE HAVE GONE STEADILY UP (44 THE THIRD DAY , 38 THE SECOND 28 THE FIRST. THE NUMBER OF VC/NVA REPORTED KILLED HAVE ALSO RISEN (180 THE THIRD DAY, 151 THE SECOND, 80 THE FIRST).

3. HIGH MR4 OFFICERS DO NOT SEEM ALARMED OVER THE PRESENT ATTACKS.

TYPICA WAS THE REACTION OF FORMER 9TH ARVN DIV COMMANDER MG TRAN BA DI, NOW DEPUTY MR4 COMMANDER. DI TOLD US DEC 21 THAT THE PRESENT UPSURGE WILL PETER OUT IN A FEW DAYS. HE SAID IT SHOULD BE REGARDED AS NO MORE THAN THE LATEST PERIODIC ENEMY HIGHPOINT.

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